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## 1. GENERAL.

This bulletin issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the fourth year's operations of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947)- for the year ended June, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

In addition to the information contained herein, further tables for the year have been included in the June, 1949 Bulletin issued on 29th September, 1949.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 2 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

## 2. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS, AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for each class of benefit whose claims were notified during the year ended June, 1949 and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below.

### TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS AND CLAIMS REJECTED, 1948-49 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent - Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	6,231	3,974	29,878	4,034	8,781	358	44,890	8,366	18.64
Vic.	504	216	19,992	3,280	10,264	438	30,760	3,934	12.79
Q'ld.	14,581	6,126	12,836	2,228	605	201	28,022	8,555	30.53
S.A.(b)	3,072	2,948	8,056	1,327	1,077	164	12,205	4,439	36.37
W.A.	1,617	733	7,310	1,135	1,606	89	10,533	1,957	18.58
Tas.	172	54	3,236	440	192	46	3,600	540	15.00
TOTAL	26,177	14,051	81,308	12,444	22,525	1,296	130,010	27,791	21.38

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

Rejected applications for unemployment benefit represented over 53 per cent of total claims for unemployment benefit. Of the total claims for sickness benefit approximately 15 per cent were rejected.

## 3. BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

(i) All Benefits - State Totals: The following table shows the benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during each of the years ended June, 1948 and 1949:-

### BENEFIT PAYMENTS : STATES.

States	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1947- 48	1948- 49	1947- 48	1948- 49	1947- 48	1948- 49	1947- 48	1948- 49
N.S.W.(a)	60,499	23,279	302,987	302,298	14,434	53,925	377,920	379,502
Vic.	16,639	2,417	209,128	196,548	20,018	51,208	245,785	250,173
Q'ld.	248,357	99,591	103,521	118,789	9,604	10,219	361,482	228,599
S.A.(b)	4,038	580	79,110	76,620	3,702	6,828	86,850	84,028
W.A.	37,192	9,986	58,255	62,569	6,149	9,845	101,596	82,400
Tas.	2,904	2,993	38,326	39,002	2,611	3,729	43,841	45,724
TOTAL :	369,629	138,846	791,327	795,826	56,518	135,754	1,217,474	1,070,426

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.



(ii) All Benefits - Average Payments, States: Average weekly payments per beneficiary and the average amount of benefit paid per benefit discontinued are shown for each of the years ended June, 1948 and 1949 in the following tables:-

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAYMENT PER BENEFICIARY (a) : STATES  
(£)

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49
New South Wales (b)	1.70	1.65	1.56	1.51	1.14	1.35	1.56	1.49
Victoria	1.98	1.44	1.61	1.33	1.32	1.31	1.60	1.33
Queensland	1.79	1.72	1.38	1.41	1.45	1.47	1.64	1.54
South Australia (c)	1.48	0.79	1.56	1.54	1.34	1.49	1.54	1.52
Western Australia	1.70	1.50	1.47	1.50	1.32	1.35	1.53	1.48
Tasmania	1.70	1.86	1.62	1.66	1.03	1.10	1.57	1.61
<b>TOTAL :</b>	1.77	1.68	1.54	1.45	1.27	1.34	1.59	1.46

(a) Average weekly payments divided by average number on benefit at end of each week. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory

AVERAGE PAYMENT PER BENEFIT DISCONTINUED (a) : STATES  
(£)

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49
New South Wales (b)	18.02	9.77	11.98	11.13	8.07	6.17	12.60	9.94
Victoria	17.13	8.16	12.38	10.03	7.67	5.29	12.10	8.58
Queensland	13.68	12.40	9.89	9.66	14.62	16.01	12.37	10.92
South Australia (c)	19.60	5.05	11.59	11.52	18.49	7.33	12.01	10.93
Western Australia	17.15	11.85	9.53	9.69	6.68	5.04	11.40	9.19
Tasmania	15.83	21.72	13.07	13.63	19.44	18.99	13.25	14.02
<b>TOTAL:</b>	14.85	11.79	11.53	10.57	8.72	6.08	12.31	9.88

(a) Average weekly payment multiplied by average duration of benefits discontinued (see table 6 (ii)); (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Unemployment Benefit - State Monthly Totals: The amounts paid in unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1949 were as follows:-

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING EACH MONTH OF 1948-49 : STATES.  
(£)

Month	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
July	2,690	381	7,534	160	1,795	252	12,812
August	2,088	472	3,595	30	1,406	707	8,298
September	1,770	270	1,358	7	1,287	262	4,954
October	1,826	158	5,214	45	867	220	8,330
November	2,200	198	2,101	68	622	299	5,488
December	2,116	130	4,777	2	630	144	7,799
January	1,824	140	8,976	65	804	237	12,046
February	1,611	111	13,041	11	569	163	15,506
March	1,074	141	16,524	6	736	178	18,659
April	1,532	117	19,766	(Cr) 92	549	190	22,062
May	3,158	155	10,894	41	347	164	14,759
June	1,390	144	5,811	237	374	177	8,133
<b>Total 1948-49</b>	23,279	2,417	99,591	580	9,986	2,993	138,846

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

#### 4. SUMMARY ALL BENEFITS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

(i) Summary - Admissions, Discontinuances, Persons on Benefit: At 26th June, 1948, 12,727 persons were in receipt of benefit comprising 1,838 unemployment, 9,940 sickness and 949 special benefits. During the year ended June, 1949, 102,219 claims were admitted (12,126 unemployment, 68,864 sickness and 21,229 special) while 96,736 benefits were discontinued (12,813 unemployment, 66,804 sickness and 17,119 special) leaving 18,210 benefits in force at 25th June, 1949 (1,151 unemployment, 12,000 sickness and 5,059 special).

The total number of benefits granted and discontinued during the year ended June, 1949, and persons on benefit at the beginning and end of that year, in each class of benefit, is shown in the following table:-

##### CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT, 1948-49 : AUSTRALIA

Class of Benefit	On benefit at 26th June, 1948		Claims admitted During 1948-49		Discontinuances During 1948-49		On benefit at 25th June, 1949	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Unemployment	1,718	120	11,459	667	12,143	670	1,034	117
Sickness	7,426	2,514	53,662	15,202	51,933	14,871	9,155	2,845
Special	458	491	18,389	2,840	14,926	2,193	3,921	1,138
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,602</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>83,510</b>	<b>18,709</b>	<b>79,002</b>	<b>17,734</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>4,100</b>

NOTE: For monthly figures of claims admitted and discontinuances from July, 1948 to June, 1949 see June, 1949 Bulletin.

(ii) Persons on Benefit : States: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th June, 1949.

##### NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.(a)	248	35	3,448	1,083	1,150	346	4,846	1,464	6,310
Victoria	40	11	2,548	896	2,443	480	5,031	1,387	6,418
Queensland	587	61	1,328	344	59	83	1,974	488	2,462
S.Aust.(b)	29	1	789	225	79	54	897	280	1,177
W.Australia	100	7	688	200	179	113	967	320	1,287
Tasmania	30	2	354	97	11	62	395	161	556
<b>Total 25th June, 1949</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>18,210</b>

#### 5. CLAIMS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT

(i) All Benefits - State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1949:-

##### CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948 - 49 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	2,092	165	19,927	5,917	7,252	1,171	29,271	7,253	36,524
Victoria	248	40	12,525	4,187	8,594	1,232	21,367	5,459	26,826
Queensland	8,049	406	8,609	1,999	326	78	16,984	2,483	19,467
S.Aust.(b)	117	7	5,443	1,286	768	145	6,328	1,438	7,766
W.Australia	839	45	4,858	1,317	1,365	152	7,062	1,514	8,576
Tasmania	114	4	2,300	496	84	62	2,498	562	3,060
<b>Total 1948-49</b>	<b>11,459</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>53,662</b>	<b>15,202</b>	<b>18,389</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>83,510</b>	<b>18,709</b>	<b>102,219</b>
<b>Total 1947-48</b>	<b>27,275</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>53,947</b>	<b>15,539</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>85,220</b>	<b>18,254</b>	<b>103,474</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Classification of Beneficiaries by Age, Conjugal Condition and Dependants: In the following table claimants admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1949, have been classified according to type of claimant, as determined by the maximum benefit appropriate to the age and conjugal condition of the beneficiary and the number of dependants entitling the beneficiary to benefit:-

## CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948-49 - CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES : AUSTRALIA

Type of Claimant (at date of commencement of benefit)	Maximum rate per week Shillings	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total Persons
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Unmarried -								
Under 18 years -								
With no dependants	15	215	76	1,719	1,606	281	216	4,113
With dependent child	20	-	1	1	5	-	2	9
18-21 years -								
With no dependants	20	452	143	3,770	3,183	759	307	8,614
With dependent child	25	-	14	-	36	-	2	52
Over 21 years -								
With no dependants	25	3,304	292	13,736	7,853	8,437	1,922	35,544
With dependent child	30	85	40	327	484	23	136	1,095
With dependent house- keeper and child	50	37	-	164	-	1	-	202
Married, any age -								
With no dependants	25	427	52	2,470	1,325	1,427	152	5,853
With dependent spouse	45	2,516	-	12,140	8	4,996	-	19,660
With dependent spouse and child	50	4,347	-	18,605	3	2,453	1	25,409
With dependent child (no dependent spouse)	30	64	49	672	699	11	102	1,597
With dependent house- keeper and child (no dependent spouse)	50	12	-	58	-	1	-	71
<b>TOTAL</b>		11,459	667	53,662	15,202	18,389	2,840	102,219

NOTE: Unmarried includes widowed and divorced.

52.95 per cent of the beneficiaries (44.30 per cent. of males, 91.54 per cent. of females) did not receive any additional benefit in respect of dependants while 24.86 per cent. (30.42 per cent. of males, 0.02 per cent. of females) received additional benefits in respect of dependent spouse and child, 19.23 per cent. (23.53 per cent. of males, 0.04 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent spouse only, 2.69 per cent (1.42 per cent of males, 8.40 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent child only, and 0.27 per cent (all males) in respect of dependent housekeeper and child.

51.45 per cent. of the beneficiaries were married - 60.11 per cent. of males and 12.78 per cent. of females.

(iii) Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Classification by Maximum Rates of Benefit : States. In the following table admission to unemployment and sickness benefits notified in each State during the year ended June, 1949, have been classified according to the maximum rates of benefit applicable to each class of beneficiary and expressed as percentages to total admissions. The average maximum rate is also shown for each State.

## CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948-49 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES.

Maximum Rate per week shillings	Unemployment						
	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Aust- ralia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	3.63	0.35	2.32	-	1.02	2.54	2.40
20	5.23	3.12	5.28	4.03	1.70	1.69	4.92
25	28.27	39.93	35.33	21.77	31.33	38.14	33.72
30	1.99	6.25	1.68	4.84	2.94	0.85	1.96
45	19.98	21.88	20.13	21.78	27.60	24.58	20.75
50	40.90	28.47	35.26	47.58	35.41	32.20	36.25
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE. (Shillings)							
-	38.70	36.61	37.43	41.29	39.33	37.67	37.83

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.



## CLAIMS ADMITTED 1948-49 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES - Continued

Maximum Rate per week	Sickness						
	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Australia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
shillings	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	4.86	4.50	4.98	4.39	5.91	4.62	4.83
20	10.32	10.48	9.95	8.72	10.43	9.12	10.11
25	36.89	37.41	37.93	34.80	37.67	33.69	36.91
30	3.16	3.28	2.88	3.20	3.26	3.43	3.17
45	18.00	17.53	16.48	21.40	15.12	15.88	17.64
50	26.77	26.80	27.78	27.49	27.61	33.26	27.34
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE  
(Shillings)

-	34.45	34.40	34.39	35.44	33.98	35.75	34.53
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(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE: The actual rate per week was less than the maximum in many cases due to the application of a "means test" for income.

6. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) All Benefits : State Totals: The following table shows the number of benefits discontinued in each State during the year ended June, 1949.

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED, 1948-49 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New South Wales(a)	2,142	171	19,334	5,773	6,392	1,036	27,868	6,980	34,848
Victoria	273	30	11,734	4,040	6,222	851	18,229	4,921	23,150
Queensland	8,564	416	8,436	1,977	310	68	17,310	2,461	19,771
Sth. Australia(b)	107	7	5,396	1,259	704	122	6,207	1,388	7,595
Western Australia	945	44	4,740	1,323	1,212	78	6,897	1,445	8,342
Tasmania	112	2	2,293	499	86	38	2,491	539	3,030
Total 1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	14,926	2,193	79,002	17,734	96,736
Total 1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	13,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Average Duration, States: In the following table the average duration of benefits discontinued during each of the years ended June, 1948 and 1949 is shown for each class of benefit and State:-

AVERAGE DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED : STATES.

State	Average Duration (in weeks)							
	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49
New South Wales(a)	10.60	5.92	7.68	7.37	7.08	4.57	8.08	6.67
Victoria	8.65	5.67	7.69	7.54	5.81	4.04	7.56	6.45
Queensland	7.64	7.21	7.17	6.85	10.08	10.89	7.54	7.09
South Australia(b)	13.24	6.39	7.43	7.48	13.80	4.92	7.80	7.19
Western Australia	10.09	7.90	6.48	6.46	5.06	3.73	7.45	6.21
Tasmania	9.31	11.68	8.07	8.21	18.87	17.26	8.44	8.71
<u>TOTAL</u>	8.39	7.02	7.49	7.29	6.87	4.54	7.74	6.77

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

7. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

(i) Cause of Unemployment - Claims Admitted, States: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment in each State as stated by persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employers, quits on that of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948-49 : STATES.

Cause of Unemployment	P e r s o n s						
	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Discharged or Laid-off -							
Disciplinary reasons ..	11	2	146	-	13	3	175
Inefficiency, including							
medical unfitness ..	99	38	223	8	100	19	487
Power rationing ..	10	1	3	17	27	-	58
Shortage of materials ..	777	7	269	2	15	-	1,070
Strikes and lock-outs ..	242	-	15	36	-	6	299
Seasonal work ..	46	32	3,132	1	23	7	3,241
Casual work ..	218	36	1,417	12	165	13	1,861
Other, including inadequately defined ..	384	76	1,521	13	190	18	2,202
Quitted -							
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	295	77	910	23	237	41	1,583
Other, including inadequately defined ..	128	15	637	10	77	5	872
Not previously employed -							
Employers, workers on own account ..	21	1	140	-	19	4	185
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	3	-	15	-	5	1	24
Other ..	23	3	27	2	13	1	69
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	12,126

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

Twenty seven per cent. of total admissions during the year ended June, 1949 were caused by seasonal work, 17 per cent. to medical unfitness, work too heavy (including inefficiency), 15 per cent. to casual work and 9 per cent. to shortage of materials.

In New South Wales 17 per cent. were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency), 11 per cent to shortage of materials and 10 per cent. to casual work.

Forty per cent of admissions in Victoria were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 13 per cent. to casual work.

Completion of seasonal and casual work accounted for 54 per cent. of admissions in Queensland, 13 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 3 per cent to shortage of materials.

Twenty nine per cent. of the very low number of admissions in South Australia were due to strikes and lockouts and 25 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

In Western Australia 38 per cent. of admissions were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 21 per cent. to casual and seasonal work.

Over 51 per cent of admissions in Tasmania were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia  
The distribution of unemployment beneficiaries by age groups is shown in the following table for claims admitted during the year and for persons on benefit at the end of the year.

GROUPED AGES - UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Claims admitted during 1948-49			On benefit at 25th June, 1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	529	191	720	32	33	65
20-24 "	1,318	183	1,501	102	34	136
25-29 "	1,363	80	1,443	89	9	98
30-34 "	1,160	43	1,203	86	5	91
35-39 "	1,186	40	1,226	94	14	108
40-44 "	1,150	44	1,194	110	5	115
45-49 "	1,153	47	1,200	117	11	128
50-54 "	1,103	20	1,123	115	4	119
55-59 "	1,264	19	1,283	131	2	133
60-64 "	1,233	-	1,233	158	-	158
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,459</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>12,126</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,151</b>

(iii) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statement shows the distribution, according to main industrial groups in each State, of persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1949:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948-49 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	Persons						
	New South Wales (a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	West. Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	156	40	1,876	5	45	21	2,143
Other Primary Production ..	17	3	122	1	12	-	155
Coal Mining ..	155	1	173	-	2	1	332
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	23	1	88	4	39	3	158
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding	974	17	249	56	44	5	1,345
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	24	8	87	7	13	4	143
Textiles and articles of dress	58	14	84	1	18	6	181
Food, drink and tobacco ..	72	23	2,100	6	45	6	2,252
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	53	13	209	1	24	3	303
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	102	25	219	7	61	6	420
Building and Construction ..	172	33	1,114	10	109	13	1,451
Transport and Communciation ..	78	16	448	3	69	15	629
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	137	31	749	9	133	12	1,071
Finance and property ..	12	-	44	1	14	1	72
Public Administration and Professional ..	73	17	353	3	111	7	564
Personal and Domestic Service ..	125	43	483	8	129	13	801
Other ..	26	3	57	2	16	2	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>12,126</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.



The foregoing admissions to benefit according to industrial groups are expressed as percentages to total admissions in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED 1948-49 : STATES.  
(Per Cent)

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tasmania	Aust-ralia
Primary Production	15.6	15.6	26.7	8.1	11.1	21.2	23.0
Factories and Industrial - Engineering etc. Vehicles etc. ..	44.2	8.7	4.0	50.8	6.4	7.6	12.3
Food, Drink and Tobacco	3.2	8.0	24.8	4.8	5.1	5.1	18.6
Other Factories ..	9.4	18.0	6.0	7.2	11.7	12.7	7.4
Building and Construction	7.6	11.5	13.2	8.1	12.3	11.0	12.0
Transport and Communication	3.5	5.5	5.3	2.4	7.8	12.7	5.2
Commerce and Finance	6.6	10.8	9.4	8.1	16.6	11.0	9.4
Other ..	9.9	21.9	10.6	10.5	29.0	18.7	12.1
<u>TOTAL:</u>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Claims Admitted - State Monthly Totals: The number of admissions to unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED - MONTHLY (a)  
1948-49 : STATES

Month	New South Wales (b)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth. Aust-ralia(c)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1948-49														
July	162	19	44	7	429	35	14	1	133	6	17	1	799	69
August	142	18	34	1	282	31	7	-	94	5	12	-	571	55
September	109	13	25	4	319	38	8	1	71	3	10	1	542	60
October	392	10	19	4	451	33	6	-	63	4	8	-	939	51
November	507	26	12	5	377	28	20	-	49	2	8	-	973	61
December	133	8	13	2	770	25	6	-	44	1	6	-	972	36
January	157	15	16	3	1,718	39	5	-	112	6	5	1	2,013	64
February	72	12	23	1	1,284	41	-	1	72	3	9	-	1,460	58
March	110	8	11	3	976	36	3	1	50	-	7	1	1,157	49
April	142	11	14	3	778	42	20	2	57	5	9	-	1,020	63
May	81	5	14	2	372	29	3	1	37	3	6	-	513	40
June	85	20	23	5	293	29	25	-	57	7	17	-	500	61
<u>YEAR</u>	2,092	165	248	40	8,049	406	117	7	839	45	114	4	11,459	667

- (a) Four or five-weekly period ending last Saturday of month.  
 (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
 (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(v) Average Number on Benefit at end of each week, States: The following table shows the average number of persons on unemployment benefit at the end of each week in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1949 and during each of the years 1945-46 to 1948-49:-

AVERAGE NUMBER ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT END OF EACH WEEK : STATES.

Period	New South Wales (a)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth. Australia (b)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<u>YEAR</u>														
1945-46	2,147	377	295	8	1,389	56	697	81	412	10	41	1	4,891	533
1946-47	1,680	74	1,527	51	4,497	168	197	3	1,062	33	78	1	9,041	330
1947-48	617	47	143	7	2,526	106	49	2	397	12	33	-	3,765	174
1948-49	237	33	26	6	1,045	55	12	2	123	3	30	1	1,473	100
<u>Month</u>														
1948-49														
July	244	41	50	2	749	66	22	2	200	5	32	1	1,297	117
August	257	43	41	3	640	60	19	1	180	6	33	1	1,170	114
September	217	41	27	3	535	60	17	1	147	5	35	2	978	112
October	238	36	28	4	486	51	13	2	126	4	34	2	925	99
November	368	40	24	7	498	51	6	1	107	3	31	1	1,034	103
December	235	34	22	3	785	48	8	1	96	2	28	1	1,174	89
January	266	36	23	3	1,492	48	9	1	122	4	28	1	1,940	93
February	207	33	18	4	1,909	53	5	2	111	4	28	1	2,278	97
March	186	25	16	4	2,039	55	7	2	97	1	25	2	2,370	89
April	205	22	20	5	1,748	60	16	3	93	2	24	2	2,106	94
May	206	19	24	8	921	58	12	2	80	2	29	2	1,272	91
June	221	25	33	9	649	62	16	2	98	6	28	2	1,045	106

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(vi) Males on Benefit at 25th June, 1949 - Districts and Industries, States:  
The following table shows the distribution of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th June, 1949, according to the main industrial groups in each of the principal districts (those with over 50 males on benefit) of each State:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949 :  
DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES.

State and District	Industry in which last engaged											TOTAL
	Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	Other Primary (including Mining)	Engineering, etc. (including Vehicles)	Food, Drink, and Tobacco	Other Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Commerce and Finance	Public Administration and Professional	Personal and Domestic Service	Other Industries	
New South Wales -												
Metropolitan	5	1	29	3	12	7	6	9	5	5	1	83
All Other	34	8	39	7	15	17	19	13	5	8	-	165
<u>Total N.S.W.</u>	39	9	68	10	27	24	25	22	10	13	1	248
Victoria -												
Metropolitan	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	7
All Other	4	1	4	3	4	6	2	-	-	8	1	33
<u>Total Victoria</u>	4	1	5	3	8	6	3	-	1	8	1	40
Queensland -												
Metropolitan	14	2	18	8	13	13	7	28	19	15	6	143
Bundaberg	79	5	4	20	15	9	15	9	1	7	-	164
Mackay	33	3	1	29	2	12	1	5	-	4	1	91
Townsville	8	-	5	11	-	8	4	3	3	7	2	51
All Other	22	7	6	29	6	24	16	14	5	7	2	138
<u>Total Queensland</u>	156	17	34	97	36	66	43	59	28	40	11	587
South Australia -												
Metropolitan	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	-	8
All Other	1	1	18	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
<u>Total Sth. Australia</u>	1	1	20	-	1	3	-	2	-	1	-	29
Western Australia -												
Metropolitan	11	5	11	3	8	12	6	13	9	9	-	87
All Other	-	3	-	1	-	1	2	1	3	1	1	13
<u>Total W. Australia</u>	11	8	11	4	8	13	8	14	12	10	1	100
Tasmania -												
Metropolitan	2	-	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	-	20
All Other	2	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	10
<u>Total Tasmania</u>	4	1	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	-	30
<u>TOTAL AUSTRALIA</u>	215	37	141	117	82	116	83	100	54	75	14	1,034



8. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness - Claims Admitted, States: The number of admissions to Sickness benefit notified in each State under the main natures of sickness during the year ended June, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED , 1948-49 : STATES

Nature of Sickness	New Sth. Wales (a)	Vict- oria	Queens- land	S.Aust. ralia (b)	West. Aust.	Tas- mania	Aust- ralia
<u>MALES</u>							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1,272	1,020	683	353	395	176	3,899
Cancer .. .. .	129	56	78	32	26	5	326
Other Tumours .. .. .	178	107	100	33	27	11	456
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	1,082	699	477	352	249	153	3,012
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	96	60	45	18	11	11	241
Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,700	1,122	781	568	421	213	4,805
Circulatory System .. .. .	1,796	1,158	685	462	332	167	4,600
Respiratory System .. .. .	2,204	1,361	776	567	530	228	5,666
Digestive System .. .. .	4,823	2,788	1,869	1,221	1,027	386	12,114
Genito-Urinary System .. .. .	807	443	433	189	184	82	2,138
Skin and Cellular Tissue	1,103	625	483	251	290	131	2,883
Bones and Organs of Movement	467	323	228	156	131	103	1,408
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) .. .. .	229	214	177	105	91	62	878
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures .. .. .	2,134	1,374	901	563	530	249	5,751
Other Injuries, etc. .. .. .	1,796	1,096	836	537	588	304	5,157
Surgical Amputations .. .. .	58	44	36	16	19	12	185
Other (including not stated)	53	35	21	20	7	7	143
<u>TOTAL :</u>	19,927	12,525	8,609	5,443	4,858	2,300	53,662
<u>FEMALES.</u>							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	379	352	143	92	121	36	1,123
Cancer .. .. .	17	20	8	11	5	2	63
Other Tumours .. .. .	141	85	55	29	24	8	342
Rheumatism, Disease of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	367	258	130	62	59	43	919
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	105	65	29	16	18	8	241
Nervous System and Sense Organs	726	483	287	177	138	65	1,876
Circulatory System .. .. .	312	220	98	58	42	30	760
Respiratory System .. .. .	465	354	147	123	79	26	1,194
Digestive System .. .. .	1,395	834	397	305	339	92	3,362
Genito-Urinary System .. .. .	584	324	183	99	96	39	1,325
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	413	439	125	92	154	43	1,266
Skin and Cullular Tissue	257	170	77	44	45	23	616
Bones and Organs of Movement	140	116	68	42	41	16	423
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) .. .. .	135	144	81	51	43	26	480
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures .. .. .	217	171	83	35	45	21	572
Other Injuries, etc. .. .. .	234	140	79	48	63	15	579
Surgical Amputations .. .. .	5	3	4	1	2	-	15
Other (including not stated)	25	9	5	1	3	3	46
<u>TOTAL :</u>	5,917	4,187	1,999	1,286	1,317	496	15,202

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

An analysis of the 68,864 admissions to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1949, reveals the most prevalent diseases, etc. included in each of the main types as follows:-

Infective and parasitic diseases - influenza (1,615 males, 405 females), tuberculosis of respiratory system (378, 171), other tuberculosis (81, 13) mumps (424, 100);

Rheumatism, etc. - acute rheumatic fever (448, 167), chronic rheumatism and other rheumatic diseases (1,792, 315), ill-defined rheumatism (303, 83), diabetes (245, 63);

Diseases of the nervous system, etc. - mental disorders and deficiency (1,874, 1,236) neuritis (831, 128), diseases of the organs of vision (773, 144), other diseases of the nervous system (416, 168);

Diseases of the circulatory system - diseases of the myocardium (639, 47), diseases of the coronary arteries and angina pectoris (819, 53), other and unspecified heart diseases (794, 83), varices (861, 148), idiopathic high blood pressure (667, 210);

Diseases of the respiratory system - pneumonia and pleurisy (2,605, 417), bronchitis (1,456, 350), asthma (479, 122), sinusitis (315, 111);

Diseases of the digestive system - appendicitis (3,961, 1,898), hernia (1,788, 65), ulcer of the stomach (1,463, 105), ulcer of the duodenum (970, 47), diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (1,130, 467), diseases of the gall-bladder and bile ducts (457, 180);

Diseases of the genito-urinary system - diseases of the kidneys and ureters (942, 316), diseases of the genital organs, not specified as venereal (633, 869), nephritis (241, 79), diseases of the urinary bladder (209, 52);

Diseases of the skin, etc. - carbuncles (414, 53), cellulitis and acute abscess (333, 74);

Fractures - of the lower limbs (2,128, 222) of the upper limbs (1,936, 226) of the trunk bones and vertebral column (1,048, 69), of the skull (516, 34);

Other injuries - open wounds, perforations and lacerations (1,354, 108), sprains and strains (689, 103), head injuries (610, 74).

Twenty two per cent. of total sickness benefits admitted during the year ended June, 1949 were females, but the analysis above of most prevalent diseases shows a wide variation in the proportion of females as between different diseases.

The highest percentages of females to total persons were recorded in the following diseases - diseases of the genital organs (58), mental disorders etc. (40), appendicitis (32), tuberculosis (31), and diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (29), whilst the lowest were in the following - carbuncles and boils (11), injuries (10), heat diseases (7), ulcers of stomach and duodenum (6) and hernia (4).

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia: In the following table sickness beneficiaries are distributed according to age groups for claims admitted during 1948-49 and for persons on benefit at the end of the year:-

GROUPED AGE - SICKNESS CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Claims admitted during year ended June, 1949			On benefit at 25th June, 1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	4,237	3,849	8,086	703	666	1,369
20-24 "	7,405	3,694	11,099	1,099	614	1,713
25-29 "	6,038	1,728	7,766	806	316	1,122
30-34 "	5,499	1,148	6,647	759	217	976
35-39 "	5,235	1,115	6,350	786	229	1,015
40-44 "	5,219	1,040	6,259	865	207	1,072
45-49 "	5,201	1,112	6,313	956	256	1,212
50-54 "	4,898	869	5,767	984	199	1,183
55-59 "	5,200	609	5,809	1,177	135	1,312
60-64 "	4,730	38	4,768	1,020	6	1,026
TOTAL	53,662	15,202	68,864	9,155	2,845	12,000

(iii) Incidence of Sickness according to Age - Males Admitted to Benefit, Australia: The following table analyses the incidence of males admitted to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1949, in the main types of sickness according to specified age groups:-

INCIDENCE OF MAIN TYPES OF SICKNESS IN SPECIFIED AGE GROUPS - MALES ADMITTED TO SICKNESS BENEFIT, 1948-49 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	16-29 years	30-44 years	45-64 years	Total
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	33.0	34.3	32.7	100
Cancer .. ..	9.8	17.8	72.4	100
Other Tumours .. ..	24.3	29.6	46.1	100
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition etc. .. ..	23.4	32.2	44.4	100
Diseases of -				100
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	22.4	27.0	50.6	100
Nervous System and Sense Organs	24.3	33.8	41.9	100
Circulatory System ..	8.2	22.1	69.7	100
Respiratory System ..	23.1	30.0	46.9	100
Digestive System ..	37.7	30.5	31.8	100
Genito-Urinary System ..	22.2	31.1	46.7	100
Skin and Cullular Tissue	30.0	33.3	36.7	100
Bones and Organs of Movement	40.5	30.8	28.7	100
Fractures .. ..	56.6	24.7	18.7	100
Other Injuries .. ..	49.5	23.7	21.8	100
<u>TOTAL</u>	33.0	29.7	37.3	100
Proportion of male population between 16-64 years in each age group (Census, 30th June, 1947)	34.1	33.7	32.2	100

The effect of age on certain types of diseases is indicated in the preceding table. Cancer and diseases of the circulatory system (heart diseases, etc.) are shown to be essentially diseases of advancing years. Seventy two per cent. of the males in the former and 70 per cent. in the latter category were 45 years of age and over. Tumours (other than cancer), diseases of the blood and blood forming organs, genito-urinary and respiratory systems and rheumatism (other than acute rheumatic fever) also reveal the same tendency but to a lesser degree. Injuries are more prevalent in the lower age groups due in part to the greater activity of youth. Most of the injuries included are non-occupational as occupational injuries are generally covered by compensation and therefore do not usually come within the scope of the Act.

Owing to the rapid decline in numbers of females in employment in the higher age groups, the influence of age on the different types of sickness is not evident from a similar consideration of females granted sickness benefit. This decline explains in part the relatively small number of heart diseases amongst female beneficiaries.



(iv) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statements show the distribution according to main industrial groups of males and females admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1949:-

SICKNESS - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1948-49: STATES

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales (a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	West Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
<b>M A L E S</b>							
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	956	693	1,035	322	404	253	3,663
Other Primary Production ..	285	214	187	87	123	86	982
Coal Mining ..	765	58	148	2	151	14	1,138
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	114	87	126	39	433	147	946
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	4,618	1,828	632	955	281	188	8,502
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	629	765	349	652	297	58	2,750
Textiles and articles of dress ..	782	935	130	149	63	136	2,195
Food, drink and tobacco ..	1,031	880	949	346	232	133	3,571
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	826	532	551	176	276	155	2,516
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	2,184	1,568	521	403	388	214	5,278
Building and Construction ..	2,883	1,832	1,686	800	824	400	8,425
Transport and Communication ..	1,518	1,091	816	557	513	246	4,741
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,811	1,131	758	549	462	149	4,860
Finance and property ..	103	41	49	27	23	10	253
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	534	291	324	134	130	35	1,448
Personal and Domestic Service ..	875	546	332	237	251	70	2,311
Other ..	13	33	16	8	7	6	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,927</b>	<b>12,525</b>	<b>8,609</b>	<b>5,443</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>53,662</b>
<b>F E M A L E S</b>							
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	15	18	8	6	5	1	53
Other Primary Production ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal Mining ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	2	2	-	-	-	1	5
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	339	177	24	58	12	5	615
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	25	38	1	21	3	-	88
Textiles and articles of dress ..	1,317	1,214	255	184	155	90	3,215
Food, drink and tobacco ..	400	211	91	49	53	49	853
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	32	15	22	6	2	2	79
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	497	279	100	55	43	16	990
Building and Construction ..	7	11	7	3	6	1	35
Transport and Communication ..	151	115	54	50	49	14	433
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,038	595	378	290	311	72	2,684
Finance and property ..	58	51	32	16	9	3	169
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	748	691	351	250	234	82	2,356
Personal and Domestic Service ..	1,285	764	671	296	430	159	3,605
Other ..	2	6	5	2	5	1	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>4,187</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>15,202</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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